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C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 2888

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, PDIP, YO

SUBJECT: LYONS-MANDIC CASE

REF: (A) STATE 104555, (B) BELGRADE 2820

1. ACTING UPON ALLEGED STATEMENT OF MANDIC REPORTED PARAGRAPH 3  
REF (A) CHARGE AT NOON TODAY CONTACTED FSFA DESK OFFICER KELIC  
AND ASKED THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN TO INSURE COMPLETE SAFETY OF  
AMBASSADOR AND FAMILY WHEN THEY RETURN MAY 3. KELIC INFORMED  
CHARGE THIS EVENING THAT "ALL COMPETENT" AUTHORITIES SAID THAT  
MANDIC WAS UNDER CONTROL" AND AMBASSADOR WAS FULLY SAFE.

2. FURTHER INFORMATION WE HAVE ON MANDIC IS SLIGHT. HOWEVER,  
POL OFF WHO WAS WITH AMBASSADOR AT HOTEL MAESTRAL SAID THAT  
WHEN MANDIC SPOKE TO AMBASSADOR'S WIFE (SEE REF B) HE SAID THAT  
HE KNEW A SWEITZER AND A MR. "NIZZY" AT THE EMBASSY. (NIZZY WE  
ASSUME TO BE CONOFF NEITZKE WHO HAD BEEN AT TITOVO UZICE WHEN ANDREA  
LYONS WAS PICKED UP AND BROUGHT TO EMBASSY). MANDIC TOLD THE  
AMBASSADOR'S WIFE HE WORKED FOR A TOUR GUIDE AGENCY IN DUBROVNIK  
AND JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE HOTEL. THIS DOES NOT SQUARE  
WITH WHAT HE TOLD SSUP INSPECTOR WHO LATER PICKED HIM UP.  
INSPECTOR TOLD POLOFF MANDIC SAID HE HAD A JOB AS A TOUR GUIDE  
IN BUDVA.

3. MANDIC TOLD POLOFF AND MRS. SILBERMAN

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HIS PROBLEM WAS HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS, PARTICULARLY

HIS ART WORK THAT HE HAD LEFT BEHIND IN NYC. HE HAD A SHEAF OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF WHAT HE CLAIMED WAS HIS ART WORK. HE MENTIONED TO POLOFF THAT NIZZY (NEITZKE) HAD BEEN "VERY RUDE" TO HIM IN TITOVU UZICE; THAT HE WAS RESIGNED TO FACT THAT LYONS GIRL WOULD GO BACK TO STATES; BUT HE DID WANT TO MAKE SURE HE GOT HIS PROPERTY BACK. DURING THIS ENCOUNTER AT HOTEL MAESTRAL MANDIC, ACCORDING TO POLOFF, BEHAVED RATIONALLY AND POLITELY.

4. POL COUNS CALLED FSFA NORTH AMERICAN DIRECTOR STARVEVIC YESTERDAY AND SAID EMBASSY WANTED TO BE INFORMED AS TO HOW MANDIC ARRIVED AT MAESTRAL SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH AMBASSADOR AND FAMILY. CHARGE REPEATED THIS REQUEST AGAIN TO KELIC AGAIN TODAY. KELIC SAID FSFA WOULD DO ALL IT COULD.  
SWEITZER

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